HIMSS Interoperability Showcase℠ at DIA Annual Meeting
to Ensure that Electronic Health Records Support Clinical Research
and Interoperability Town Hall on eSource

The Drug Information Association (DIA), the Clinical Data Interchange Standards Consortium (CDISC) and the Health Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) partner for an inaugural Interoperability Showcase that will be held 19-23 June in Chicago, IL in conjunction with the DIA’s 47th Annual Meeting. As a related feature there will be an Interoperability Town Hall Tuesday, June 21st evening, 4:45-5:45 with Q&A on the recent FDA Draft Guidance on eSource and on the Interoperability Demos.

This Showcase will build upon the trend towards adopting electronic health records to improve healthcare around the world and, in particular, the efforts of the U.S. HHS Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) to encourage meaningful use of Health Information Technology. This June Showcase, will highlight the use of EHRs for Regulated Clinical Research and Device Safety. The Interoperability Showcase℠ will provide demonstrations that specifically leverage prior initiatives, including the CDISC-FDA eSource Data Interchange Initiative and the ANSI-HITSP Initiative to develop an Interoperability Specification for the use of EHRs to provide a standard core clinical research dataset (CDISC CDASH). These interactive demonstrations will feature new opportunities to leverage standards with cutting-edge technology; the Showcase will use CDISC and HL7 standards enabled by IHE integration profiles to demonstrate the flow of data from electronic health records to clinical research systems.

The Interoperability Town Hall will feature representatives of the FDA in an open panel format to discuss solutions for using EHRs in conducting regulated clinical research and safety reporting, as demonstrated in the Showcase. In addition, the panel will be open to taking questions related to the recent eSource Draft Guidance Document that was released by FDA earlier this year.

Your support of this opportunity to transform clinical research by building capacity at research sites and streamlining the research process by integrating research into the workflow of a busy clinician is extremely important. It will ultimately benefit patients by enabling a learning healthcare system. Please consider showing your support of this Showcase in one of the following ways:

- Apply to participate in the demonstration of one or both of two use cases – EHRs for regulated clinical research and device safety.
- Provide a contribution as a Supporting Organization/Contributor to help cover the costs of the demo. Contributions of $2,500, $7,500 $15,000 (benefits aligned with the funding level) will be most appreciated.
DIA is pleased to announce that organizations have already stepped forward with contributions in support of the effort, including Quintiles and Oracle as Showcase Supporters and Participants including Medidata Solutions Worldwide and Outcome Sciences, along with Oracle and Quintiles…. We hope that you will join this group to support the use of EHRs for research.

Interested parties are asked to offer their commitment of funds by May 16, 2011. For more information or to participate, please contact Landen Bain at lbain@cdisc.org or for supporter information, please contact Eileen Roth at Eileen.roth@diahome.org

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